



Calhoun County Joint Information Center

Friday, April 3, 2020



Administrative Notes

Please mute your phone

This is a listening-only meeting, besides the pre-arranged speakers

Please send any questions through Zoom chat function

Enter your name on Zoom, so we know who is asking questions

Tentative schedule next week: Monday and Friday briefs will be via email/press release. Wednesday will be the only live Zoom briefing. Please let PIOs know if you have questions.



Purpose of Joint Information Center (JIC)

To provide current and relevant information regarding actions, activities and resources in the JOC in a combined format for community and elected leadership, as well as the media

To listen to and determine the needs of all jurisdictions in Calhoun County



Agenda

Current Situation - Eric

Update from Medical Director - Dr. Nettleton

Unified Command Team

Activities, What is the JOC doing? - Kelli Scott

Community Action - Rebecca

Current Challenges - Eric Pessell and Sheriff

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Business Update - Kara

Law Enforcement update - Sheriff Hinkley

Comments from Representatives-Open to Elected Officials or their representatives



Unified Command Team

Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller

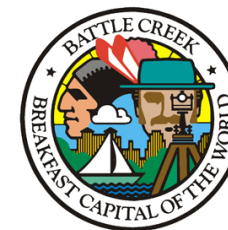
Rebecca Fleury, Battle Creek City Manager

Eric Pessell, Calhoun County Public Health Department Health Officer



CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER

COVID-19 Unified Response





Lines of Effort and Priorities

Save Lives

Mitigate suffering

Protect the Vulnerable

- Develop Community-wide approach
- Create a virtual Joint Operations Center
- Respond to impacts and effect of the Shelter in Place Order
- Anticipate and prepare for COVID increase and surge capability
- Develop plan to reset and stabilize



Current Situation

As of Noon, Friday, April 3:

There are 31 positive cases of COVID-19 in Calhoun County

There are 55 tests pending

This information is updated twice daily by the Public Health Department at calhouncountymi.gov.



Medical Director Update

Status update

Next few weeks

Masks

Testing

- 15-minute test



Joint Operations Center - Activities

Strategy is being developed to provide food and deliveries to families in quarantine, as needed

The request for resources process is being ironed out through the Logistics Workgroup

Legal Workgroup is assisting on lease negotiations with local hotels for quarantine locations, as necessary

A new overnight homeless shelter location is being determined.



Joint Operations Center – Community Action

Parks are open, with some caveats (press release was sent)

There is a need for fabric masks–JOC or to hospitals directly

JOC is accepting donations, please email

BMPIzzala@battlecreekmi.gov and AEdlefson@calhouncountymi.gov

Press release to come

Wet wipes are not flushable, please keep them out of drains



Current Challenges

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Requests are made through the JOC
- JOC is triaging supplies
- Hospitals report PPE as biggest need

Executive Orders, "Stay Home, Stay Safe"

- Law Enforcement prepared to enforce the EO if necessary



Current Challenges

Reimbursement for local governments

- The FEMA Public Assistance Program is open to all non-profit organizations as it relates to COVID19
- In order to start the application process you need to get set-up in the grants portal
- The best way to think about it is: "Is this cost above and beyond our normal operating/duties AND is it directly related to COVID19?"
- Track it! Including donations and volunteer hours



Business Update – Kara Beer

Number of Business Complaints – 37

Number deemed essential – 12

Number of closed businesses – 20

Number of pending cases – 5



Law Enforcement Update – Sheriff Steve Hinkley

Correctional Faculty

Calhoun County Chiefs Working Group

Calhoun County Law Enforcement Services

Essential Services Investigations

- Providing good information



Updates from Elected Officials – Future JICs

On all future JIC briefings, we will provide updates from elected officials

We ask that information elected officials would like to share is sent to the PIOs by 5 p.m., the day before the briefing

Please send info to Lucy Blair, LBlair@calhouncountymi.gov



Comments from Elected Officials

Senator Bizon-

Representative Haadsma-

Representative Hall-

County Elected Officials-

Tribal Elected Officials-

City Elected Officials-

Township Elected Officials-

Village Elected Officials-

Recommendations for us all

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth

Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces

Practice social distancing in public

Stay home when you are sick, and call your primary care provider



Best Information Sources

Calhoun County Government and Public Health Department

calhouncountymi.gov

- Visit county site to sign up for all JOC press releases

City of Battle Creek, COVID-19 page

battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus

State of Michigan, COVID-19 page

michigan.gov/coronavirus

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

cdc.gov/coronavirus



Public Information Officers [PIOs]

are available to answer media
questions/inquiries



Contact Us

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